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PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

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Dear Sir:

Prior to examination of the above-referenced continued prosecution application, kindly amend the application as follows:

IN THE CLAIMS:

62. (Twice Amended) A microbubble preparation comprising a aqueous medium having dispersed therein a plurality of osmotically stabilized microbubbles, said microbubbles comprising:

a generally spherical microbubble membrane containing at least one gas osmotic agent and at least one nonfluorocarbon modifier gas, wherein said gas osmotic agent and said modifier gas are present in a fixed molar ratio effective to stabilize said microbubble preparation, with the proviso that said modifier gas is not water vapor, and wherein said gas osmotic agent is selected from the group consisting of perfluoropentane, perfluorocyclopentane, perfluoromethylcyclopentane, perfluorodimethylcyclobutane, perfluorohexane, perfluorocyclohexane, perfluoroheptane, perfluorocycloheptane, perfluoromethylcyclohexane,